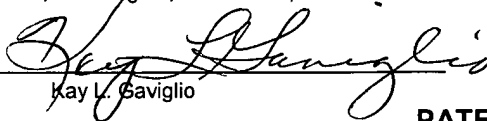


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In re Application of)

Timothy Fowler et al.,)

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Serial No.: 08/876,132)

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Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to revive the above-captioned application which was unintentionally abandoned by Applicants' failure to properly and timely respond to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 5, 1997. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the Missing Parts.

Applicants unintentionally failed to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts. Applicants previously believed that the Patent & Trademark Office sent the Notice to Applicants' old business address and as a consequence filed a Request to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment on more than one occasion. However, Applicants recently became aware of the fact while the transmittal letter for the patent application included the current business address for the attorney of record, the unsigned Declaration filed

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with the application indicated that all communications should be sent to the old business address.

The Notice to File Missing Parts indicated that a signature was missing on the Declaration and while Applicants did submit, on August 24, 1998, a combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventors, Applicants have herein submitted a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Since the above-referenced patent application was filed after June 8, 1995 a terminal disclaimer is not required.

Applicants herein state the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee necessitated by this petition and any additional fees necessitated by this filing to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC372). This paper is submitted in triplicate.

Consideration of this petition and reinstatement of the pendency of this application is respectfully requested.

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